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COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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ORGANISATION OF RICE EXPORTING COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether India has gained a lead over Thailand and Vietnam in the global rice export trade by outpricing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether during a recent meet in Bangkok a proposal was mooted for the formation of an Organisationof Rice Exporting Countries of which India is dominant player; and

(d) if so, the extent to which India agreed with the proposal?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b): The details of exports of rice(milled) by the major rice exporting countries during the period 2001-03 are as under:-

(in million tonnes)

Country	2001	2002	2003
Thailand	7.5	7.1	7.5
Vietnam	3.5	3.0	3.4
USA	2.5	3.1	3.1
India	1.9	5.0	4.5
Pak	2.3	1.4	1.4

(Source: FAO, Food Outlook No.4- October, 2002)

(c): Yes Sir.

(d): Participation of India in any agreement on this matter will depend on its scope and coverage.